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SUBJ: REPLACEMENT A-37B AIRCRAFT FOR GUATEMALA

REF: GUATEMALA 3148

1. HIGH LEVEL INFORMAL INQUIRES HAVE BEEN MADE TO COMUSMILGP AND OTHER US MILITARY OFFICERS ABOUT THE STATUS OF GOG REQUEST, MADE IN GUATEMALAN EMBASSY NOTE TO STATE DEPARTMENT DATED MARCH 5, FOR VERY NEAR-TERM ACQUISITION OF ONE A-37B AIRCRAFT AS REPLACEMENT FOR ONE DESTROYED IN JAN 76 ACCIDENT.

2. IN ORDER TO PREPARE LETTER OF OFFER FOR GOG CONSIDERATION, PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA WAS REQUESTED FROM USAF SYSTEMS COMMAND BY HQ USAF 5 JUNE 76. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CASF/LGFE THROUGH USMILGP INDICATES THAT P&A DATA IS NOT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AS PRODUCTION IS CLOSED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FUTURE BUYS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION MAY AGAIN OPEN PRODUCTION IN DEC 77. WE MUST ASSUME, IF GOG WERE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE TOTAL BUY, THAT BASED ON PREVIOUS PRODUCTION LEAD TIME AN A-37B WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE TO GOG UNTIL LATE CY 1978 OR EARLY 1979. GOG HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR AN EARLIER

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ACQUISITION DATE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. IN LIGHT OF HIGH LEVEL GOG INTEREST REQUEST EXPLOR-
ATION BY STATE AND DEFENSE OF ALL AVAILABLE AVENUES
WHICH MIGHT LEAD TO A GOG A-37B ACQUISITION AT AN
EARLIER DATE, INCLUDING PURCHASE OF USED AIRCRAFT
FROM US OR THIRD COUNTRY SOURCES.
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